IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE GOPALA KRISHNA TAMADA

WRIT PETITION Nos :580 and 1577 of 2002

Dated: 04.07.2007

W.P.No.580 of 2002
Between:
1.R.Anil Kumar and 7 others
..... PETITIONERS

AND

1.The A.P. State Road Transport Corporation
Musheerabad, Hyderabad represented by
Its Managing Director and 2 others …RESPONDENTS

W.P.No.1577 of 2002
Between:
1.S.V.Anjani Devi and 6 others ..... PETITIONERS

AND

1.The A.P.State Road Transport Corporation,
Musheerabad, Hyderabad, represented by its
Managing Director and another …RESPONDENTS

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COMMON ORDER:

As same point is involved in these two writ petitions, they are being disposed of by this common order.

These writ petitions are filed seeking a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant exemption to the petitioners from payment of licence fee for the strike period of the employees of A.P.S.R.T.C. from 15.10.2001 to 07.11.2001 in respect of the stalls run by them.

The case of the petitioners is that they are the licencees to run stalls viz., books and Mineral water stall, Soda and cool drink, sweet stall etc., in the bus depots of A.P.S.R.T.C. and during the period from 15.10.2001 to 07.11.2001 there was a strike by the employees and workers unions of A.P.S.R.T.C. throughout the State and consequently the establishment of A.P.S.R.T.C. came to stand still, as a result they could not carry on their business. Therefore, the petitioners made representations to the respondents requesting them not to collect licence fee for the strike period, but the respondents rejected the said

representations and are insisting the petitioners to pay the licence fee for the strike period. Hence the present writ petitions.

Learned Counsel for the petitioners, Sri C.Ramachandra Raju, submits that the issue involved in these writ petitions was decided by this Court in a batch of writ petitions and this Court directed the respondents to collect the licence fee but not to insist upon payment of interest as the said amounts are not paid.

In view of the earlier judgments, these writ petitions are disposed of directing the respondents to collect the licence fee from the petitioners for the period from 15.10.2001 to 07.11.2001, but shall not demand any interest thereon. Since the petitioners have agreed to pay the licence fee, it is not necessary for the respondents to again issue notice for payment of the said licence fee and the petitioners can as well approach the authorities and pay the licence fee for the relevant period within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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(GOPALA KRISHNA TAMADA, J)

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